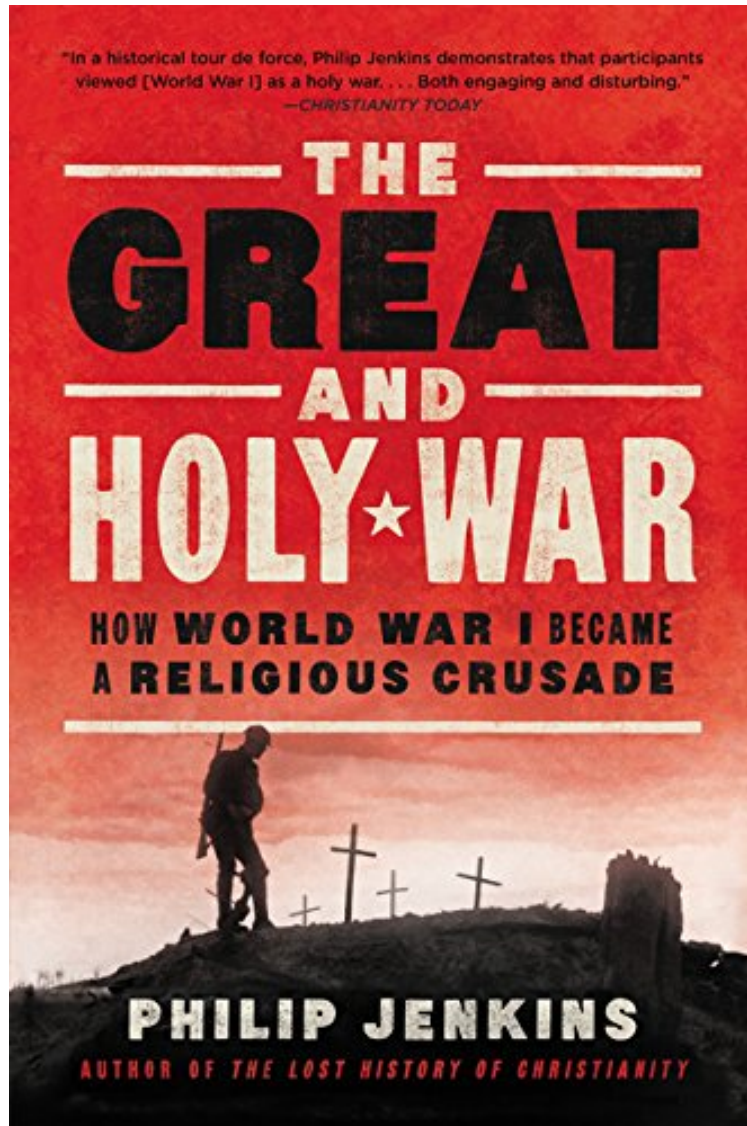


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First I have always maintained that WWI was the worst thing that has happened in our world. Second when I converted to Methodism I learned the WWI extinguished the Methodist faith in England where it was born. Methodism is now only practiced in America and the third world (where it is thriving). I wanted to know more about this fact. Professor Jenkins does not explicitly answer my question, but he does a masterful job detailing the relationship between Christianity and the powerful events of WWI. He is very familiar with the primary sources from Europe and how they interacted. He seems less comfortable with the Oriental aspects of WWI relying mostly on secondary sources. However, he shows how important the Great War was in the rise of African Christianity and radical Islam. He concludes by speculating whether titan change can come again. Altogether it was an excellent and surprising exploration of religion in and around WWI of 0 people found the following review helpful. Another great book from Philip Jenkins By A.J. MacDonald, Jr. An interesting look at religion, propaganda, and needless war. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Richard Very good history linking the First World War and the religious influences at the time of the war.

The Great and Holy War offers the first look at how religion created and prolonged the First World War. At the one-hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of the war, historian Philip Jenkins reveals the powerful religious dimensions of this modern-day crusade, a period that marked a traumatic crisis for Western civilization, with effects that echoed throughout the rest of the twentieth century. The war was fought by the world's leading Christian nations, who presented the conflict as a holy war. Thanks to the emergence of modern media, a steady stream of patriotic and militaristic rhetoric was given to an unprecedented audience, using language that spoke of holy war and crusade, of apocalypse and Armageddon. But this rhetoric was not mere state propaganda. Jenkins reveals how the widespread belief in angels and apparitions, visions and the supernatural was a driving force throughout the war and shaped all three of the major religions Christianity, Judaism and Islam paving the way for modern views of religion and violence. The disappointed hopes and moral compromises that followed the war also shaped the political climate of the rest of the century, giving rise to such phenomena as Nazism, totalitarianism, and communism. Connecting numerous remarkable incidents and characters from Karl Barth to Carl Jung, the Christmas Truce to the Armenian Genocide Jenkins creates a powerful and persuasive narrative that brings together global politics, history, and spiritual crisis as never before and shows how religion informed and motivated circumstances on all sides of the war.

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